



SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are **READY TO LEARN** when we are;
RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE & SAFE

INFORMUS NO. 4

March 18th 2022

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BEGONIA FESTIVAL PARADE

We are so proud to be part of the winning school entry at the Begonia Festival Parade.

Five students plus students from Mt Blowhard and Canadian Lead PS' we're thrilled to parade under Gum Loong the Chinese Dragon this year. Our thanks to Education Support Officer, Chris Ottini for supporting the student participation at Monday's parade.



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Student Recognition Awards



Mishel Sami - Prep L
For always being respectful and responsible.



Eli Smith - 1/2/3M
For his hard work in practicing his spelling and handwriting.



Ifrah Sajith - 1/2/3M
For settling straight into our classroom and being a great friend.



Amelia Relouw - 3/4/5C
Displaying our school values always in and outside the classrooms.



Sophie Kendall - 3/4/5C
For working on and building your resilience when things go wrong!



Eddie McAdie - 5/6P
For a great job summarising our whole class text. Well Done.



Emmett Lehan - 5/6P
For a great job summarising our whole class text. Well Done.

Alexis Nunn, Riley Nunn, Jai Boyd, Charlotte Keays and Willow Williams



Term 1 Dates

Fri 18th Mar	12pm Peace Pole Dedication Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 22nd Mar	Bookclub Orders Due
Fri 25th Mar	Assembly 2.30pm
Mon 28th March	DUE - Easter Raffle Donations, Hot Cross Bun Order forms, Special Lunch Order Forms
Fri 1st April	Special Lunch Assembly 2.30pm
Mon 4th April	Hot Cross Buns ready for collection PM
Tues 5th April	District Sports - Selected students
Wed 6th April	Yr 6 Leaders in Melbourne
Thurs 7th April	SWPB Celebration
Fri 8th April	Assembly 1.30pm Easter Raffle End of Term 1 2.10pm
<u>Term 2</u>	
Mon 25th April	Anzac Day
Tues 26th April	First Day Term 2
Friday 29th April	Pupil Free Day
Fri 24th June	End of Term 2
<u>Term 3</u>	
Mon 11th July	First Day Term 3
Fri 16th Sept	End of Term 3
<u>Term 4</u>	
Mon 3rd Oct	First Day Term 4
Tues 20th Dec	Last Day Term 4

For showing great team work and leadership carrying Gum Loong the dragon at the Begonia Festival.

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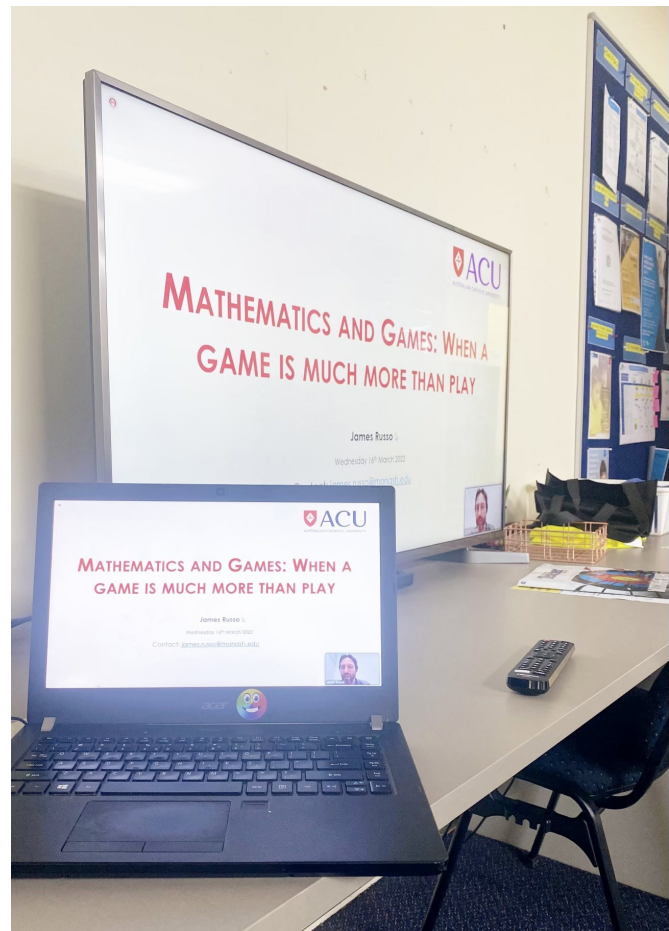
Visual Arts - Bright Eyes made with Air Dry Clay! These are so intriguing!



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Numeracy Professional Development - the teaching team has commenced a series of numeracy professional learning modules presented by the Australian Catholic University, Ballarat. Wednesday's topic was 'When is a game much more than play?'

My thanks to Sally Peach for linking in with our friends at ACU to provide this professional learning. We are working hard to increase student numeracy achievement at Sebastopol PS. The first step is ensuring teachers are up to date so they can prepare engaging and meaningful learning tasks for students. What games do you play at home with your young people that build numeracy skills? Card and dice games are terrific. Monopoly is a great game and it can be adjusted by limiting it to 4 rounds of the board or the first person to build motels. Sequence is a harder version of Connect Four that uses cards and tokens. Connect Four is always fun. Please make time to play some games at home using objects and materials instead of devise online. The more kids handle and manipulate items during a game the greater the learning from play opportunities.



International Woman's Day 2022

Our senior girls enjoyed learning more about the history of International Women's Day, identifying their strengths, talents and mentors in their lives.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women%27s_Day



Sebastopol Football Netball Club



JUNIOR FOOTBALL



We would like invite your family to join us for the 2022 Ballarat Junior Football Season. SFNC is a family orientated club offering children a safe environment that is welcome to all.

WHY SEBAS

- We welcome boys of all ages and skill levels,
- Girls up to 14years old welcome and encouraged to play
- We field teams in each age group including under 9's, 11's, 13's, 15's, & 17's. This provides the opportunity to play through the age groups whilst remaining at the ONE CLUB.
- Auskick program available for the youngsters.
- All coaches hold junior coaching accreditation

WHY AFL

- FUN, FUN, FUN
- Improves physical fitness whilst strengthening muscles and bones
- Grows confidence and self belief
- Helps build hand and eye coordination
- Develop teamwork and communication skills
- Meet new people, make new friends
- FUN, FUN, FUN



For any further information including training times please contact our junior coordinators

Tim Vawdrey - 0409 628 206 or Narelle Cromb - 0417 380 117

"A quality family environment committed to success through development"

SCHOLASTIC  Book Club

Book Club is open

Magazines have been sent home or you can access the current catalogue online at https://scholastic.com.au/media/6789/bc222_web.pdf

Orders with money are due back to school by Tuesday 22nd March to ensure book availability.

SAFE SCHOOL NOTICE

ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO SCHOOL OFFICE

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Principal Message 18th March 2022

Student Learning Literacy

Our two-hour literacy block 9:00 -11:00am is a consistent feature of student learning across all four classrooms every day. That is a great reason to be at school on time. When students can listen respectfully, speak clearly, read with understanding and write fluently, their learning across the curriculum will progress. At Sebastopol Primary School we are focused on accurate reading from the early phonics and phonemic awareness in Prep – Year 3 right through to developing a wide vocabulary, broad general knowledge, excellent conversation skills and the ability to write in a variety of formats or genres.

Thank you for supporting the Reading Diary process at home. Home Reading is part of our agreed Literacy Policy. The diaries foster responsibility and good parent to teacher communication. It is a great way of sharing book titles between school and home, as well as building independence and responsibility for learning, an important competency for lifelong learning.

Last week staff reviewed student writing samples from Prep to Year 6. All students wrote a 'recount' about the Sports Carnival. Staff then reviewed the writing samples using the Victorian Writing Curriculum to moderate and assess how each student is progressing in their writing skills. The writing samples were examined according to ideas, vocabulary, spelling, grammar, writers voice and audience. This process will be undertaken again later in the year and will inform our understanding of student progress and future learning.

Student Support Group Meetings

As an inclusive school we strive to ensure all children have the support they need for strong attendance, positive learning and wellbeing support.

Last week Student Support Group meetings were held for some of our Prep students. My thanks to parents for attending, and Audra Lawes and Maddie Morrish for leading this process. We also value the support of Marjorie Pickford, Koori Education Support Officer and Robert O'Brien DET Psychologist at these meetings. These additional meetings ensure appropriate education plans are in place for children who are Koori, in out of home care or have other additional learning or health needs. We are working in partnership with families to ensure our prep students have a positive start to school. Early next term there will be Student Support Group meetings for our older students and students with below expected attendance. Please remember to contact your teacher via the student diary or ask at the office if you need to meet with your child's teacher. The teacher is always the first point of contact. Please contact the office if your child cannot be present at school, so we can support you to foster high attendance at school.

Inauguration of Ballarat's First Peace Pole at Sebastopol Primary School

We pause to reflect on peace with the children who are our future.

Sebastopol Primary School students and staff members celebrated the installation and inauguration of Ballarat's first Peace Pole with representatives of Federal and State parliament, Ballarat Council, Indigenous Leaders, Compassionate Ballarat, Let's Talk Peace Ballarat, Rotary International, Ballarat Interfaith Network, and other community members as part of Harmony Fest.

"A Peace Pole is an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message May Peace Prevail on Earth in different languages on each of its four sides. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace."

"Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. Stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth." (Proof of vaccination will be required of all ceremony guests.)

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbours.
If there is to be peace between neighbours,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.
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COVID-19

Please continue to ensure that children in Year 3-6 have at least 2 disposable masks to wear at school every day. This is currently part of the uniform, just like the sun safe hats. Thank you for undertaking the RAT process every Sunday and Thursday, this has certainly helped to limit the spread of the virus at school. Please call the office if you require additional RATs. Also test again if your child has symptoms. Staff are not allowed to use RAT process on children at school.

If your child has a headache, cough, sore throat, nausea, or congestion please assume it is COVID-19 and keep them at home. If children present at school with symptoms, we are required to isolate them in the 'COVID Room' until they are collected by a family member.

Vaccinations for 5–12-year-olds are available and will help keep your children, your family, friends and community safe. Please talk to your GP and make an appointment as the vaccination will help as the cooler weather approaches. <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>

Have a peaceful and healthy week.

Michelle Wilson

Principal

EXTRA—CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-Curricular Activities at Sebastopol Primary School.

Due to additional Tutor Learning Initiative, Mental Health and Equity funds we can continue and expand some of our student wellbeing programs.

Choir – we are pleased that the Year 3-6 choir can now sing together again. The choir has been rehearsing in the atrium with 1.5 metre spacing. The students are enjoying singing some old and new songs. Every Friday over 30 students participate in choir with Ms Kellie, Cassandra and Chris.

Music Therapy – this program is held two days per week. Students are referred to the Music Therapist based on wellbeing, low attendance, recent trauma or other complex matters. Cassandra works with children using music, dance, drumming, strumming, singing or other music related activities to provide psychological support and enhance the wellbeing of children. We have been enjoying some of the Music Therapy performances at assembly in recent weeks.

Lunch Club – Josh is looking after lunches if student need a complete lunch or if they are extra hungry. Salvo's deliver 30 pre-packed student lunches a week and we always have Foodbank apples and oranges. My thanks to Josh for ensuring no child is hungry at school.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club is staffed by volunteers, Josh and Chris. Foodbank Victoria provide fruit, spreads, milk and cereal for students to eat every morning. We also have a great supply of bread from Ballarat Community Health. My thanks to Chris and Josh and our wonderful community volunteers.

Speech Therapy – Megan Nestor is at school every Tuesday providing Speech and Language therapy to students who have delays with receptive, expressive language or articulation errors beyond their age. This support is by referral. The vital time to access Speech support is between 3-5 years so that any concerns can be addressed early in the child's development.

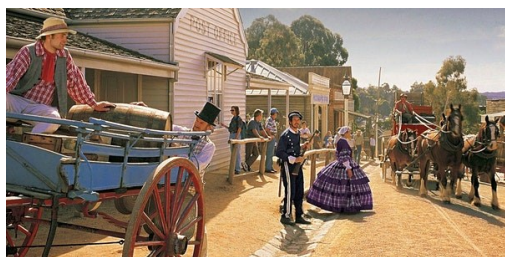
Ripple App – this app is used by students in Years 3-6. The app covers several areas of wellbeing. Students complete this in 1 minute and rate themselves according to sleep, hunger, happiness, worries, anxiety, friendships etc. The teacher then receives a 'heat' map that can help us respond sensitively to children who may be feeling big emotions or simply need a sleep.

Tutor Learning Initiative – Nadine Ogilvie, Ms Kellie and I provide additional literacy support for students working below or much higher than their expected level in Literacy. Additional literacy support using Making Up Lost Time in Literacy (MULITLIT) is provided by Chris, Josh and Renai. It has been wonderful to have extra funds so we can provide this vital support and enrichment to students.

Riding for the Disabled – My thanks to Wendy Porter who has coordinated and provided the transport for this program for many years. Every Thursday Wendy takes two students to Creswick to ride and care for horse in an under-cover stadium.

We hope you can appreciate the additional programs the students at Sebastopol PS have access to. We are very proud of our extensive learning and support programs.

Nadine Ogilvie and Michelle Wilson – Student Wellbeing Team



Vaccination K-Pop: Sovereign Hill, Ballarat 27th March – 10am-1pm

The Victorian Department of Health is hosting a series of pop-ups for kids in iconic Victorian locations, known as K-Pops. These clinics are designed to support the vaccination of 5-11 year old's , by offering a no-cost day out for families at fun locations across Melbourne. Transport, food and entry costs

will be covered for the day of the event.

Children will be vaccinated on-site as part of the day, with their parents/guardians offered the opportunity to get their third dose at the same time.

Entry will be free for the child and immediate family and food vouchers provided for the day of the event, with transport vouchers supplied where needed. Second doses can be offered for those children aged 5 to 11 who are due.

Please note, any accompanying family member **12+ who wishes to attend must be double vaccinated**. There will be no exemptions for unvaccinated family members.

Bookings for these pop-ups can be made through Eventbrite pages (linked below), either directly by families or on their behalf.

[Vaccination K-Pop: Sovereign Hill, Ballarat Tickets, Ballarat | Eventbrite](#)

Places for K-Pops are limited and subject to availability at time of booking. If there are no spaces available on these pages, the pop-up is fully booked. Once a spot is confirmed, the family will receive email or phone confirmation of their booking and information on how to access the clinic.

Fundraising

Easter Raffle Donations

We would appreciate donations to help fill our Easter hampers. Easter eggs, Easter crafts/activities, Easter toys, baskets ect

Please leave donations at the office by
Monday 28th March 2022.

Easter Raffle Tickets

Tickets have been sent home, if you didn't receive a book or need more contact the office.

Tickets \$1.00 Each or 3 for \$2.00

Books to be returned by Fri 1st April 2022.

Raffle drawn on Friday 8th April 2022 at Term 1 final assembly

Hot Cross bun Drive

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive order forms have been sent home.

Pkts are \$8.00 each, allowing Sebastopol Primary School to raise \$2 per pkt sold. Varieties include traditional, chop chip, fruitless, mocha and apple & cinnamon. Orders and money are due back on Monday 28th March. Hot cross buns will be ready for collection on Monday 4th April in the afternoon.

Special Lunch

Whilst our amazing canteen is closed we thought we would hold a special lunch on Friday 1st April. \$3.50 will get you 2 slices of pizza, pkt chips, a zooper Dooper and a cup of cordial. All orders and money are due back by Monday 28th March.

If any parents are available to help on the day please contact the office.

Our Fundraising committee have 2 –3 meetings each term, new members welcome. 2022 fundraising will be used to cover the cost of 2023 Prep School Bags and Hats, subsidise the cost of the 2022 Grade 6 Jumpers and Polos and contribute towards digital devices in thee Yrs 3-6 area. We have constructed a Donation Letter to be sent out to business asking for donations towards raffles, auctions ect. If parents have any connections within the community you can contact the office for a donation letter to hand out. Last year we fundraised approx. \$3040

Thank you Emma, Caitlin and Natalie

Business Manager

CANTEEN - CLOSED

Our School Canteen is serviced by Stewarts Bakery in Midvale Shopping Centre, unfortunately Stewarts Bakery is currently closed due to fire damage that occurred during the school holidays.

Our School Canteen normally runs Monday and Fridays, we plan to recommence this as soon as we can.

Lunch orders are to be placed in a brown paper bag, with students name, class and order written. Money to be placed inside. All lunch orders are to be into the canteen by 9.15am

CSEF

CSEF stand for Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund. If you hold a Health Care Card you may be eligible for this funding. Application forms have been sent home.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is away from school please let the front office know on 53358157 each day they are away.

If your child has tested positive for COVID19 you need to fill in two forms online. I have sent out an email with quicklinks to these portals and further information.

Return To School - Important Parent Information

[Victoria's Back-To-School plan](#)

The measures set out in the Victorian Government's Back-To-School plan will ensure every possible effort is made to ensure staff and students are safe and that schools remain open.

The plan maintains the importance of the 3Vs: Ventilation, Vaccination and Vital COVIDSafe steps and introduces some new measures.

[Rapid antigen testing](#)

Free rapid antigen tests will be made available for all staff and students in Victorian schools for the first 4 weeks of Term 1 2022. Rapid antigen testing will be voluntary for all primary, secondary and specialist school students and staff.

Sebastopol Primary School is encouraging twice weekly testing on a Monday and Wednesday morning prior to eating/ drinking or brushing teeth.

Tests are provided in packs of 5 individual tests. Parents/carers have been provided with one pack for each child for use during the first two weeks of school.

Test kits for weeks three and four will be delivered to the school in a separate delivery. Where parents/carers are unable to attend the school to collect the tests, a pack can be provided directly to a student to take home.

If students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) <https://dhvicgovau.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/> or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

Parents must also report a positive result to their school, either through the COVID Test [portal https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F](https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F) or by phone or written notification; this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

[Management of confirmed cases and household contacts at school](#)

Updated approach to managing a confirmed case of COVID-19 in schools

Where a student or staff member is identified as a positive case, individual education contact tracing will end. The revised process is set out below.

Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

The school will notify the school community when a student or staff member has returned a positive COVID-19 test result and had attended the school. The notification will include:

- Dates of attendance
- Affected group/cohort/year levels
- Any relevant extracurricular activities

Students refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic, unless it is known that their symptoms are caused by an underlying health condition or medication.

[Student attendance](#)

All students are expected to attend onsite unless they are formally registered as being home-schooled. Parent preference is not an approved reason for students to be absent due to COVID-19.

Schools are not expected to provide a full remote learning program in these circumstances.

If students who are working from home due to COVID contact this ABC link is great and worth saving as a tab or bookmark on your favourite device.

<https://www.abc.net.au/education/newsletter/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 8	14/03 Labor Day Public Holiday Begonia Festival Gumm Loong	15/03 School Council AGM 6.30pm	16/03 Prep Students Commence full time	17/03	18/03 12pm Peace Pole Dedication Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 9	21/03	22/03 Bookclub Orders Due	23/03 School Nurse Preps	24/03	25/03 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 10	28/03 DUE - Hot Cross Bun Orders, Spe- cial Lunch Orders and Easter Raffle Donations	29/03 Police in Schools 5/6P	30/03	31/03	1/04 Special Lunch Day Easter Raffle Tickets Due back Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 11	4/04 Hot Cross Bun Orders Due back	5/04 District Sports - Selected students	6/04 Year 6 leaders in Melbourne	7/04 SWPB Celebration	8/04 Assembly 1.30pm Easter Raffle Drawn End of Term 1 2.10pm
		TERM 2			
WEEK 1	25/04	26/04 Term 2 Begins	27/04	28/04	29/04 Pupil Free Day
WEEK 2	02/05	03/05 School Council	04/05	05/05	06/05
WEEK 3	09/05	10/05	11/05	12/05	13/05
WEEK 4	16/05	17/05	18/05	19/05	20/05

Newsletter

To access our fortnightly school newsletter visit our website at <http://www.sebasps.vic.edu.au/>
Please also subscribe to our Newsletter email list at our website to
receive a notification when our newsletter is ready.

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1: 31st January to 8th April
Term 2: 26th April to 24th June
Term 3: 11th July to 16th September
Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: 27th January to 6th April
Term 2: 24th April to 23rd June
Term 3: 10th July to 15th September
Term 4: 2nd October to 20th December

BELL TIMES

8.50 am - Music Play
9.00am School starts
11.00 - 11.10am Children eat Lunch
11.10 - 11.40 Lunch Break
1.40pm - 2.10pm Recess
3.10 Dismissal
Last day of Term 2.30pm Finish